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Hundreds facing Christmas alone

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Shocking statistics revealed in Churchill's 'Generation Guilt' report last year suggest the problem is widespread.

Three in four people over the age of 65 say they worry about being a burden, while half believe their

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children "have their own lives to lead", according to Churchill's report.

Mr Young added: "Astonishingly, 99 per cent of respondents say they would not ask their families to spend more time with them.

"This is why, this year, we are asking people to please remember elderly family members, friends and neighbours when making Christmas plans."

Honiton's Senior Voice group has also warned that

the problem of loneliness among the elderly is likely to get worse with the proposed closure of one of the town's key social care facilities.

Chairman Vic Bowsher MBE told *Pulman's View*: "Quite a lot of our members live alone or do not have local families, and loneliness can be a big issue in our rural area, especially with the closure of the St Michael's Day Centre.

"Christmas can be particularly difficult for elderly people living alone, when shops and local services are closed.

"So we urge neighbours to be supportive and keep an eye on those on their own – a friendly word or a

"how are you today?" can mean a lot."

Residents at Holyshute Lodge have already welcomed visitors to join them for a festive celebration, with pupils from Stockland Primary School calling in to sing a selection of carols.

And bosses at the Age UK charity have welcomed the Lodge's efforts to spread some Christmas spirit ahead of the festive celebrations.

A spokesperson for the charity said it was vital that members of the community continue to look out for their elderly neighbours, especially at this time of year.

Sarah Gunn, Information and Advice Manager at Age UK Devon, said: "It is fantastic to hear about the efforts being made by the community in Honiton to make Christmas a happier time for everyone.

"Winter can be a difficult time for many older people, so community spirit, and simply being a good neighbour, has never been more important than now."

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Support for military families

■ FESTIVE GIFTS | Louise Powis (SSAFA caseworker) Alan Rowe MBE, Mayor Peter Halse, Terry Cuthbertson MBE (SSAFA), Barbera Cuthbertson (SSAFA treasurer)

HONITON-based armed forces support organisation The Baton was delighted to fund and present Christmas hampers to Soldiers, Sailors and Airmens Families Association (SSAFA) Devon.

The handover was made in The Beehive, with Honiton Mayor Peter Halse representing the town.

Honiton resident Alan Rowe MBE set up The Baton to, in various ways, support members and ex-members of the armed

forces. He said: "Each year SSAFA Devon distributes Christmas hampers and we were asked if we would consider funding more, which we were delighted to do.

"Hopefully this will not only bring Christmas cheer, but remind people they are thought of.

"SSAFA do a remarkable job for many service personnel and their families who need immediate, sometimes desperately needed support."

"They are all volunteers and without them a great deal of misery and lack of quality of life would be prolonged.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



AXMINSTER: Former pharmacist Vera Connett died at the age of 91. She came from a family which had lived in or around Axminster for many generations, and lived in the town for most of her life, having attended Colyton Grammar School.



AXMOUTH: Steve Biddele has been elected new commodore of Axe Yacht Club. He lives in Kilmington, has served in the motor industry for most of his working life and is an experienced dinghy and cruiser sailor.



SIDMOUTH: Student Poppy Snowling was among winners at Sidmouth College's GCSE awards ceremony. She took home the Bradfords Cup for the best overall contribution to her year group, presented by principal Kenny Duncan.



OTTERY: Christmas came early for Toby Kirk who won Ottery Community Theatre's festive competition for spotting all the gingerbread houses displayed in shop windows, taking home his own hand-crafted gingerbread house as the prize.

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Quotes of the week...

“ The RD&E is struggling to cope and cannot discharge patients, care homes are closing all over Devon, and there is greater demand on the NHS due to more people living here and more older people with complex health needs - we need more community hospital beds, not fewer."

Chairman of the Save Our Ottery Hospital campaign, James Goddard, following news that the NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group would not make any decision on the future of the hospital until February.

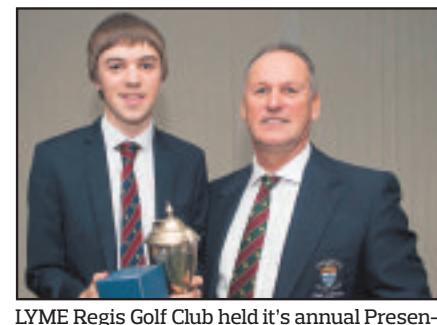
“ It has been a challenging but enjoyable project and it has created a real community spirit."

Graham Vincent, chairman of Sidmouth Victoria Hospital's Comfort Fund on the completion of an 'ambitious' £1.25million revamp of the facility

IN THIS WEEK'S PULMAN'S VIEW

SPORT

Golfer George picks up top award from his dad



LYME Regis Golf Club held its annual Presentation Evening recently and it was dominated by the juniors who scooped up many of the men's prizes, including junior captain George Seed who collected the club championship prize from his father, club captain Roger Seed. In his speech George thanked all who had helped him along the way including his parents and club professional Duncan Driver.



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AXMINSTER

Now it's down to 'people power'

NHS bosses will look again at controversial proposals to permanently close in-patient beds at Axminster Hospital.

Anger was rife in towns which stood to lose its in-patients beds as part of a NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group proposal to keep the number of beds across the eastern locality at 66 but to be spread over three sites only to save up to £500,000 a year.

But the financial benefit and other aspects of the proposal were challenged.

At the end of the initial consultation period this month, NEW CCG said: "We have received a vast amount of responses and there have been requests for further information by Devon's Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and others before decisions are made.

"As a result, we will produce a supplementary document and additional information will be published on January 5th and the consultation will continue until 15 February 15th.

A spokesperson for Axminster Hospital Action Group said: "We applaud the decision to extend the consultation period.

"We thank all those who have written to the CCG as that has played a major part in the CCG making this decision.

"We now await the further information that the CCG have promised us together with updated data as to how they will be basing future decisions.

"Then it will be essential for as many people as possible to write/email again their updated views on the future before the middle of February.

"The power of the public involvement should not be underestimated."

SEATON

Substantial fall in crime levels

POLICE in Seaton have welcomed a significant drop in crime over the last month, with the number of recorded incidents plummeting to less than half the average for November.

Officers documented only 12 crimes last month – three of which were committed by the same offender.

The statistics show a substantial decline when compared to the average November crime count, with police typically logging more than double the number of offences recorded last month.

Reporting the latest figures to town councillors recently, PC Stephen Spearett revealed that crime had been cut by half since October, with a drop of almost a third compared to the same period last year.

He said: "Seaton saw the second lowest monthly crime total for November and is down from a peak of 40 in 2005 – it's also the second lowest monthly total this year."

The incidents that were recorded included three cases of criminal damage, with car tyres slashed on two occasions.

Seaton Hospital and the Axe Yacht Club were both targeted by thieves in recent weeks, with one case of sexual assault recorded towards the end of the month.

From the editor's chair

Interesting year ahead...

THIS is our last newspaper before Christmas which gives us the opportunity to take stock of the year – and to thank all our readers and advertisers for their continued support.

It has been another tough one for the local newspaper industry with hardly a day passing without an announcement that long established newspapers were closing with loss of jobs.

But there is some light at the end of the tunnel with the Exeter-based *Express & Echo*, where I started my career, having gone from a daily newspaper to a weekly, but now planning to come out twice a week in the New Year.

And as I revealed in last week's column, our parent group, Tindle Newspapers, continues to buck the trend with the acquisition of several titles during the year and the recent launch of four new community newspapers in central London, which I have fronted and which are being produced at our local production hub.

From my point of view, it's been an exciting few weeks but I have had to step back from my editing duties on *Pulman's View* to concentrate on the London papers.

For East Devon it's been another interesting

year with the intended EDDC move from Knowle creating many column inches before the recent announcement that the new local government base for this area will now be in Honiton and not in SkyPark near Exeter.

Many welcome this move but are aghast that it has cost the ratepayers of East Devon £700,000 to get to this position.

With an election now just four months away, local politics is getting interesting. I recently wrote in this column that I could not remember a time when there was so much dissatisfaction with local government. Come May, those who are so disillusioned will have the chance of exercising change through the ballot box.

It's going to be the most interesting election for some time and if the jungle drums are anything to go by, there could be some big changes in the offing.

We look forward to covering this and all the events in East Devon in 2015 – in the meantime I hope you all have a fantastic Christmas and a great New Year. I can't wait for 2015, I am going to be granddad – at last!

Philip Evans



HONITON

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■ Congratulations to the winner of last week's 'Spot The Turkey' competition Mrs Marshman of Sidmouth, who will receive a Christmas meat hamper

Pulman's View News from across East Devon

OTTERY St MARY

Hospital: No news until February

HEALTH bosses have confirmed that they will not make any decisions about the future of Ottery St Mary Hospital until February at the earliest.

The NEW Devon Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), which has outlined its intentions to remove the hospital's in-patient beds and close its minor injuries unit, has extended its public consultation period into the new year.

The NHS body now says it has an "open mind" about shaping its plans for the future.

A stakeholder focus group will also be set up to examine the evidence and work closely with the CCG to find a "way forward" for community hospitals in East Devon.

Over the last three months NHS bosses have been inundated with letters of concern from Ottery residents, fearful that the removal of key services will signal the future closure of the town's hospital. But the CCG has now given an indication that it will look again at the controversial proposals, which spell out plans to move services to fewer locations in the district.



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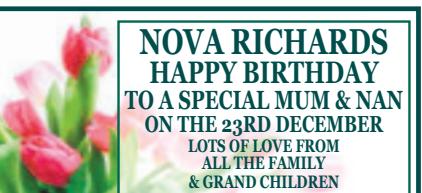
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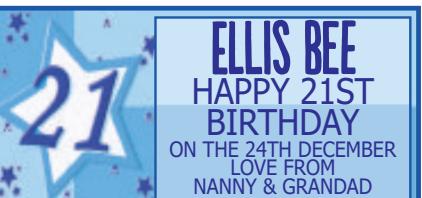
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Cash boost caps special year for Honiton gallery

HONITON'S award-winning Thelma Hubert Gallery has secured another significant funding boost to support its schools and community activities programme in the new year.

Arts Council England – the government body which funds creative projects across the country – has awarded the gallery a £40,000 grant to boost its learning and audience development programme over the next two years.

The major funding boost caps an exceptional year for the gallery and its staff, who also scooped the prestigious gold prize in the Devon Tourism Awards recently.

"We are thrilled to receive this substantial grant and to have the continued support of Arts Council England," said gallery curator Angela Blackwell.

"The funding will contribute to our fantastic schools, family and community activities at THG, as well as our exhibition programme.

"This funding ensures even more people from East Devon and

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the wider region can access our exciting exhibitions and activities."

The gallery, owned by East Devon District Council, has been heralded as one of the South West's top visitor attractions, hosting a cutting-edge programme of contemporary art exhibitions and family workshops.

It also promotes local artists, whose work regularly features in the gallery's displays and presentations.

Phil Gibby, Arts Council England's regional director, said: "Our National Lottery funded grants for the arts scheme is all about supporting a range of art projects and getting great art to more people.

"We are confident that this award will significantly increase opportunities for people in Devon and throughout the South West to

enjoy seeing and participating in arts activity of the highest quality.

"We are particularly excited by the THG's plans to build on their award-winning work with young people and those marginalised in the community.

"We know that arts and creativity make a strong contribution to improving the health and wellbeing of people taking part so our investment here will have a real impact in the region."

The gallery is pushing towards a new funding model, with a greater reliance on grants and donations.

And EDDC's culture champion Councillor John O'Leary praised the dedication of the gallery's staff for striving to secure funding from new sources.

"Hopefully the tourism awards will put THG on the map – it is a very special place and we really need to fight to keep it", he said.

"You do not get this sort of thing in Devon, but THG is getting it. It is quite impressive."

Spending Christmas alone

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Anyone who is worried about an older person – or who may be feeling lonely themselves – is encouraged to call Age UK on 0845 296 7810 for free and confidential advice.

Honiton Town Council is also backing a drive to raise awareness about the issue by publicising the Silver Line support service, which gives older people the chance to talk with trained staff offering emo-

tional support, lifestyle advice and friendship.

For more information about the service, visit silverline.org.uk or call 0800 4708090. Anyone interested can also contact Councillor Jackie Wadsworth by email at jacbar007@btinternet.com

Residents of all ages can also seek support through the Acorns befriending scheme, via the TRIP Community Transport Association. To contact TRIP, call 01404 46542.



■ CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION | Pupils from Stockland Primary School visited Honiton's Holyshute Lodge recently

Vehicles stopped

MORE than 70 vehicles were stopped for inspection during a police operation to improve safety on Honiton's roads.

Officers from the neighbourhood police team worked with representatives from HM Revenue & Customs and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency as part of 'Operation Mascot'.

A total of 71 vehicles were stopped in two different rural locations near Honiton, during the operation earlier this month.

Further operations are planned for next year, as part of the force's ongoing efforts to tackle vehicle-related offences.

Train delays after bridge crash

TRAINs to London were delayed last week, after a car struck a bridge near to the railway line in Honiton.

Services between Exeter St Davids and London Waterloo were affected by the incident, which happened at around 3:10pm on Thursday afternoon.

Following checks to ensure the bridge was safe, trains were running again shortly after 4:15pm.

Santa at St John fayre

SANTA and his helpers welcomed visitors to St John Ambulance's Christmas fayre in Axminster.

The fayre was held in United Reformed Church in the afternoon of Saturday, December 13th.

Axminster unit fundraising lead Mark Ellis said prior to the event: "We are raising funds for our local St John unit to help with running costs and repairs and also to buy new valuable equipment.

"We have many stalls selling fantastic gifts at great prices."

Summing up after the



fayre, he said: "It went really well, and we raised £264.

"A big thank you to everyone

who turned up and supported us – and to Linda Ellis for organising 90 per cent of the fayre."



Solicitors' festive boost for Marie Curie Cancer Care

SCOTT Rowe Solicitors' Christmas draw tickets raised more than £650 for this year's chosen cause, Marie Curie Cancer Care (Axminster and Seaton Fundraising Branch).

The company sold tickets during three weeks, including at festive gatherings at offices in Axminster, Lyme Regis and Chard.

A cheque for 658, 49 was handed over to fundraising branch founder member Sandy Sinclair in the Scott Rowe's Axminster office on Thursday December 18th.

Vanessa Web, of Scott Rowe Solicitors, said: "A big thank you to everyone who supported the draw, we do appreciate it.

"We are looking forward to see you next year.

Mr Sinclair added: "We are very grateful, they are a very good crowd."

Mr Sinclair got involved with setting up the group because of "the wonderful treatment" his wife received in her last days from a Marie Curie nurse.

He then attended two Marie Curie conferences in London, and this resulted in the formation of a local branch.

Anyone wishing volunteer with the group or arrange fundraisers or make a direct donation can call him on 01297 33655.



■ CHRISTMAS GIFT: Richard Lewis and Vanessa Webb of Scott Rowe presents the cheque to Mr Sinclair (middle)

Christmas fair raises £450 for dementia sufferers

AROUND 100 people attended a Christmas fair at Axminster Hospital, which raised nearly £450 towards equipment for the Conybeare and Willow centres for older people with dementia and memory problems.

The event, held on Saturday December 13th, included hand-made Christmas gifts, decorations and produce, mince pies, mulled wine, a raffle, tombola and a performance by St Mary's Primary School Choir.

Support worker Sam Over said: "The fair went very well and a good time was had by all.

"The school choir was very good and delivered a lovely performance of songs from their nativity."

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Students and Lions serve Christmas dinner

■ **FESTIVE FAYRE:** Student helpers Ameerah Askew and Maddie Harrison with Lions (left to right) Ed Pescud, Bob Francis and Ron Webb, and some of the invited guests

HONTION Community College teamed up with the local Lions Club to welcome more than 100 special guests through the school doors for an early Christmas dinner last week.

For the third successive year, staff and students laid on an impressive spread for Honiton's senior citizens, with around 130 diners fed and watered during the afternoon.

The school's special guests were welcomed with drinks and mince pies in the main hall, before sitting down to a full Christmas dinner

in the college canteen.

Local businesses and community organisations donated £850 towards food, drink and raffle prizes for the annual event, which is fast becoming a proud tradition for the school.

And a handful of the college's sixth form students donned their festive dress to wait the tables and serve up an impressive spread for their guests, alongside some extra entertainment provided by the college's music department.

Hospiscare reach £250k target



■ **ON TARGET:** Hospiscare nurses and fundraisers at the site in Honiton

HOSPISCARE fundraisers have met their £250,000 target needed to complete the construction of East Devon Day Hospice in Honiton.

It is hoped builders will hand over the keys in the New Year so the new facility can be furnished and equipped. The target was reached in just 11 months by people from all over East Devon organising numerous fundraising events including coffee mornings, cream teas, a fashion show, a head shave, art auction, sponsored walks, skydiving and golf days.

Sarah Smith, Hospiscare appeal manager, said: "The people of East Devon have taken the appeal to their hearts and the money they have helped raise will help us fulfil our promise to bring care closer to the people of East Devon."

"We are hoping to receive the keys in the New Year then there will be a lot of work to get the building ready. We are really looking forward to running a series of open days to allow all the amazing people who supported us to see what their hard work has achieved; we will let you know as soon as we can when this will happen."

Glynis Atherton, Hospiscare chief executive said: "Thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the local

community we have reached our target. I can't wait to be able to welcome local people across the threshold and show them what a difference their hard won fundraising has made. We couldn't have done it without you – thank you so much!"

Hospiscare announced the £1.2million project last year and received a grant of £510,000 from NHS England as well as generous pledges from its sister charities, Budleigh, Exmouth and Sidmouth Hospiscare. To raise the final £250,000 the East Devon Day Hospice Appeal was launched on February 5th.

Services currently provided in Seaton will be transferred to the new day hospice in King Street which will be "a haven of care" for local people who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness. It will offer complementary therapies in spa-like treatment rooms, a large and comfortable patient lounge, a specialised bathroom, a beautiful garden, plus educational facilities for the training of healthcare professionals and students, and access to palliative care specialists for support, advice or treatment.

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Those with the most to lose if they die without a Will include co-habiting couples who are not married or in a civil partnership.

More than one million unmarried couples with dependent children are living in the UK. Recent changes to the intestacy rules strengthened the position of married spouses and civil partners, but left the position of cohabiting couples unchanged.

Intestacy is where the state decides who inherits if someone dies without a Will. Only partners who are married or in a civil partnership can inherit under the rules.

Head of Scott Rowe Private Client Depart-

ment Mr Terry Trott said "For many people, the festive season is all about spending time with loved ones. So we urge people to reflect on that this Christmas and think how they would feel if you died and they received nothing."

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■ **KEEPING OUT THE RABBITS:** Redrow sales consultant Trisha Birch-Hawkins and regional director Keith Miller (right) hand over a cheque Councillor Glyn Dobson for rabbit-proof fencing

Donation to save cemetery from rabbits

OTTERY St Mary cemetery, once plagued by flower-munching rabbits, will soon be fully protected from the critters, thanks to a substantial donation from housing developer Redrow.

The house builder has handed over a major cash donation to cover the cost of protective fencing, after numerous reports of rabbits wreaking havoc in the cemetery grounds.

The rabbit attacks have been causing "increasing distress" among residents, whose floral tributes to loved ones have been trampled on or eaten by the animals.

Residents have submitted a string of complaints to the town council over the past year, and until now civic leaders have been unable to find the funds to pay for a scheme to keep them out.

But Redrow bosses, whose new Otter Grange estate sits next to the cemetery in Higher Ridgeway, have now stepped in to solve the problem.

A donation of £1,750 will be used to pay for rabbit-proof fencing to prevent the animals breaking into the grounds and ruining residents' floral arrangements.

Mayor of Ottery, Councillor Glyn Dobson, said he was "delighted" to receive the donation to ensure that the unwanted visitors would not spoil the community's continued use of the town's "precious" cemetery.

"The rabbits have been causing increasing distress to local people, so to be able to solve this problem is fantastic news", he said.

Redrow has already contributed valuable community funding to help patch up the leaking kitchen roof at Ottery St Mary Football Club this year.

And the developer's regional director Keith Miller said the house builder was keen to support people in the town.

He added: "The local communities in which we build are extremely important to Redrow, so to be able to support significant areas like the cemetery is very rewarding."

"This donation builds on the support we have already provided to other parts of the community, most recently the funding we provided to Ottery St Mary Football Club to help them fix the clubhouse roof."

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Garden club marks 20 years

SEATON Garden Club celebrated its 20th birthday on Thursday, December 11th.

Jean Clarke, one of the founder members, was presented with a Christmas bouquet and then cut the a special celebration cake so all the members could enjoy a piece with their tea. The afternoon was a great success with a demonstration of Christmas flower arrangements which were then raffled to raise funds for the club.

Anyone interested in joining the club can come along to the next meeting on Thursday, January 8th in the Masonic Hall, Seaton, next door to the sorting office in Queen Street, starting at 2.30pm.

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New commodore at Axe Yacht Club

AT the Axe Yacht Club annual general meeting on Sunday, December 7th, Steve Biddle was elected the new commodore, replacing Gordon Wright who had served the statutory three years with distinction.

Steve (pictured) lives in Kilmington and served in the motor industry for most of his working life, representing Land Rover all over the world. He is an experienced dinghy and cruiser sailor who looks forward

to leading the club which has been providing sailing and boating opportunities since 1936.

The club now has more than 700 members with a thriving cadet section and modern dinghies in which sailing experience can be gained on the River Axe, north of the bridge, as well as in Seaton Bay.

Full details of the club can be found at www.axeyachtclub.co.uk and new members would be very welcome.



Sir Ken Knight talks on established career in fire service for Rotarians

ABOUT 30 Axminster Rotarians, including president Simon Dunn and his partner, Helen, and guests enjoyed a fine social occasion at Lyme Regis Golf Club recently.

The after dinner speaker was Sir Ken Knight CBE, DFSM, DL, an ex-chief fire officer of a number of areas, including Devon and Dorset. Talking about his varied and interesting career in the fire service and after, he explained that, after he joined Reigate Fire Station as a fireman in 1966, he progressed through the service, and retired in 2006 after a number of senior posts nationally.

He was then asked to work for the National Fire Commission after the 2006 London bombings, a very traumatic time for the country. He became chief advisor for the government for the 2012 Olympics and was involved in planning for safety of buildings, terrorist events, for visitor/athlete safety and the gen-

eral public.

Sir Ken was then asked by the government to undertake a review of all 46 fire services in England and Wales, which became known as "The Knight Review". Comments were made of the possible amalgamation of fire services in the country, and suggested closer links with other national emergency services.

He explained that during his service, a number of major improvements in fire safety had taken place, including smoke detectors, regulations as to the production of foam filled furniture that had had a marked influence in deaths to the public, the introduction of fire safe cigarettes, and automatic fire detection in domestic cooker hoods.

At the conclusion of his presentation, Rotarian Bernie Styles thanked Sir Ken for his extremely interesting and informed comments.

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Women's Institutes ROUND UP

HONITON AFTERNOON

THE first of the Yuletide celebrations for the Honiton Afternoon WI was a visit to the Otter Inn for their annual Christmas lunch. It was a most enjoyable occasion with very good food and service.

For their December meeting members were very pleased to welcome Kirsty Parker from Waitrose in Sidmouth where she is the cheese and deli specialist. She told members she had worked there for ten years and said she had undergone a six months intensive training course to specialise in this side of the business.

Kirsty then went on to explain about the long process of cheese making and members were told of the wide selection that is available these days. She had previously set up a table showing a variety of very unusual cheeses and at the close of her talk members were invited to taste them. A vote of thanks was given by Maureen Doidge.

The first meeting of the New Year will be on January 12th at 2pm in the Methodist Chapel. The speaker will be Jenny Morse who will speak on "How I Became a Red Coat" and the "History of the Exeter Red Coats". Visitors are always very welcome to attend.

HONITON EVENING

WEARING something red and in festive mood, members of Honiton Afternoon WI gathered for a Christmas bazaar at their December meeting.

With decorated marshmallows, mint and caramel sweets, and chocolate coins as prizes, fun and games were the order of the evening. Everyone brought a plate of food to share and with seasonal music playing in the background; it was a

festive and happy occasion.

The previous week members had enjoyed their annual Christmas meal, this year at the White Horse Inn, Woodbury Salterton, and before that some had been to Torquay to see "White Christmas", the musical.

Coming up will be two walks, one being a pre-New Year visit to Exmouth beach; dogs included and followed by a meal nearby!

Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month, the next in the Methodist Chapel in New Street, Honiton, will be at 7.15pm on January 20th when Peter Hayward will talk about the humble milk bottle in "Doorstep Delivery". The competition (not obligatory) will be an unusual bottle.

Visitors are always welcome, from whom members ask a small donation.

Window smashed in attempted burglary

A WINDOW of house in the Moorcox Cross area of Dalwood was smashed during an attempted burglary.

PCSO Andy Trott of Axminster police said: "A rear double-glazed window was smashed by using a large stone. No entry was gained and nothing was taken."

This happened at some point between 7pm and 8.30pm on Friday, November 28th.

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More public support needed as football club fights lonely battle

■ THANK you for raising the Axminster football club issue again but I believe they are fighting a lonely battle and I have been very surprised by the seemingly lack of visible support and attention the club has received.

Having never played for Axminster but one of their "rivals", whilst we always enjoyed the banter (and I speak for a lot of local footballers) I gain no pleasure in seeing the club in this state. They are trying to give the area superb football facilities for the community which will benefit football in the area.

In fact, Millwey FC is a great example and have done a superb job in securing great facilities at Cloakham, helping them grow the club, the team and youth football which in turn helped gain promotion, raise the profile and integrate more with the community.

It would be nice to see the local MP, mayor, local council and a few of the more prominent members of the community in Axminster support the club in a more visible and vocal manner, and perhaps advise and help resolve the situation. If we all believe in a local community some should stop saying it but act

on it, as I suspect there will be many wishing well on open day.

I hope that those who are not vocal in support are not there on the opening day trying to get in the picture or cut the ribbon.

As an outsider to the club, if the above have been supportive it seems to have been lost in the public arena so perhaps a different kind of support is necessary. I for one feel the club seem to be fighting this on their own.

If those in a position who can help in either a professional manner, as elected or someone who can help gain public attention (therefore momentum) are willing to put the head above the parapet they need help now and to remember that the club have raised money for the local charities and been part of the community for many years.

I for one, whilst I will always be on the "other football side" hope that everything is resolved very quickly, the club can move and start to focus on football again.

G. BRIDGE
(by email)

Questions raised over Honiton police services

■ WE are glad Police and Crime Commissioner Tony Hogg has taken on board the concerns of Senior Voice members.

However, we await his answers to several key questions. First, if the 101 telephone system was "broken" why was the Honiton Police front desk allowed to close before alternatives were in place and shown to be working? In fact, long before the front desk was closed, our members reported difficulties accessing our local police station.

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Did I miss proposal to work with other councils?

■ I THOUGHT that the idea of merging East Devon District Council with the other Devon authorities had been shelved a while back, at great legal cost.

Now it seems EDDC have signed an agreement to work with Exeter and Teignbridge. Was this discussed at a council meeting? Did I miss it? Where are the arguments in favour of this and what are the po-

tential drawbacks?

Also, surely this makes the plans for moving EDDC headquarters from Knowle (at huge expense) rather unnecessary? Perhaps it's not just me that is confused.

DR CATHY GARDNER,
Stockland

No need for more retirement flats

■ REGARDING the planning application for retirement homes on the regeneration site in Seaton, we have just moved to Seaton, I might add into an retirement flat, and now we are there can have a fresh opinion on how we see things.

The reason we chose Seaton was because of the new outlook of the town happening and noted many empty retirement flats where we live. If the town is developing, the attractions to encourage visitors to the town we need hotels or guest houses, indeed for our own family and others like us.

The way we see it, the town does not need anymore

retirement flats. It's ok for the builders to get their money but what happens to the town? It seems pointless to develop the town and have nowhere for people to stay.

We were very excited about the new look Seaton and also when looking for somewhere to buy noted the lack of outlets along the waterfront. There is so much potential and do not understand more retirement flats would even be considered.

MR AND MRS HUMPHREY,
Seaton

Council rules on market veg is 'utterly ridiculous'

■ I WAS purchasing some bowls of mixed veg from the stall at Honiton Market this morning (December 9th).

Whilst in conversation with the gentleman serving me I was horrified to learn that Devon County Council are stopping him from selling the items of fruit and veg from the bowls. The reason being they are

not sold by weight. How utterly ridiculous!

I must assume by this that the councillors do not go shopping, are they living in the real world?

If it is Devon County Councils doing all I can say is "be very ashamed of yourselves".

CATHY LUXON,
Honiton

Merry Christmas and happy New Year to the Gateway groups that use the venue for meetings and functions.

■ I WOULD like to wish all at The Gateway theatre in Seaton all the very best for Christmas and the New year.

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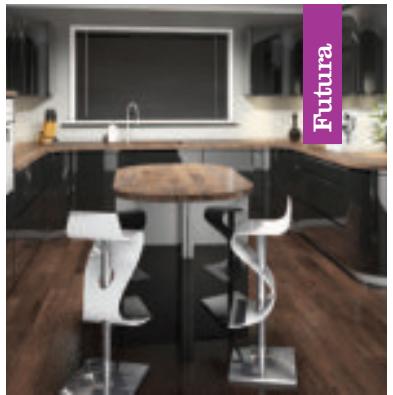
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4. Spruce up your garden path

"It's time to spruce up the garden path and bring it

back to life with a good old-fashioned sweep. Grab a stiff brush and start clearing paths of moss, lichen and weeds."

5. Protect your garden from frost

Protect any tender herbs from frost. January and February are usually the coldest months. Bay, myrtle, olive and French lavender can be brought under-cover or near the house if in containers, or covered in fleece in situ. Put a cloche over thyme you use for cooking and it will stay leafier. Prune wisteria and grape vines if they have not been done already. On any frost-free days, plant bare root or container trees, shrubs, hedging, fruit bushes and canes.



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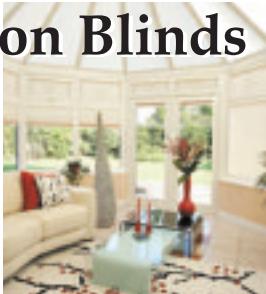
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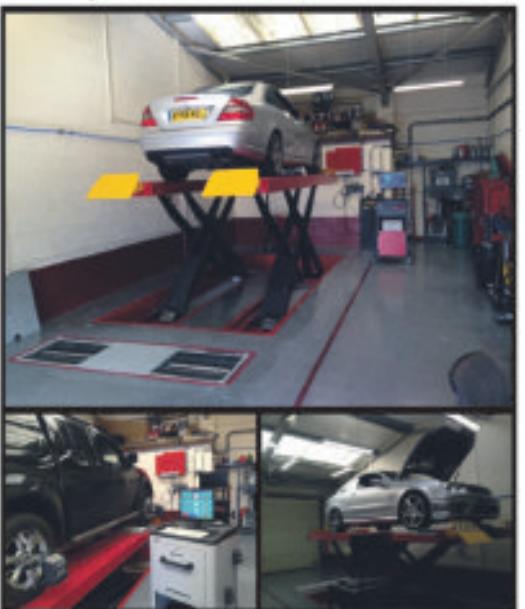
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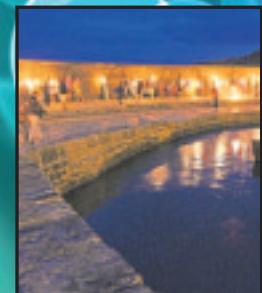
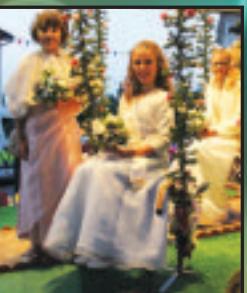
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Diary Dates

UNTIL SUNDAY FEBRUARY 1ST

AXMINSTER: Dalwood spinners, a local craft group who create hand made gifts, give all of the proceeds from their sales to South West Children's Hospice. A selection of their knitted good is currently on display in one of the Old Police cells at the Axminster Arts Cafe Axminster Arts Cafe, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455. Opening hours Tues – Fri 9.00am – 2.00pm; Sat + Mon 9.00 – 12.00

TUESDAY DECEMBER 23RD

HONITON: A Night in the West End at the Beehive, 7.30pm. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Available in advance from www.beehivehoniton.co.uk, or by calling 01404 384050. Classic shows from London's West End and Broadway alike, performed by local musical theatre students Alex Jackson, Laura Porter, Lewis King and Beth Hibbert.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24TH

HONITON: Crib Service 11am at St Paul's CofE, High Street. Carols at 10.30pm; Christmas Eucharist at 11pm.

HONITON: Christmas Eve Carols & Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, from 8pm.

THURSDAY DECEMBER 25TH

HONITON: Holy Communion 8am at St Paul's CofE Church. Christmas Eucharist at 9.30am.

HONITON: Community Church Christmas Day Service, 10am at the Beehive Centre, Dowell Road.

HONITON: Morning Service at Evangelical Congregational Church, High Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Family Service at the Family Church (Baptists Together), High Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Day Service (half hour) at Meadow View Chapel, King Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Day Family Service at the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, off New Street, 10.30am.

HONITON: Christmas Day Mass at the Roman Catholic Church, Church of the Holy Family, Exeter Road, from 11am.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31ST

SIDMOUTH: Live Music – Pete Allen's Reeds 'N' Rhythm New Year's Eve Party at Woodlands Hotel (EX10 8HG). 3–5.30pm. Tickets with accommodation and dinner £149, tickets for dinner and entertainment £75. Licensed bar, light snacks available. Cabaret seating. Limited free parking. For more details or to book call 078 999 25194.

SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD

AXMINSTER: Axminster Arts, who run the Arts Cafe, will be holding their AGM at 2.30pm in the Arts Cafe. We are hopeful of support from the general public and the meeting will be followed by free tea and home-made cake – how can you resist?!

MONDAY JANUARY 5TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 7TH

SEATON: Seaton and District Men's Probus Club meeting at St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, at 10am when the speaker will be David Dumbleton on 'The Police'. New members welcome (Keith West on 01297 624374).

THURSDAY JANUARY 8TH

SEATON: Meet the Birds – improve your birdwatching skills with an experienced volunteer guide in the hide. At Tower Hide, Axe Estuary Wetlands. Parking through Seaton cemetery. 1–3pm. Free.

SEATON: Seaton Garden Club monthly meeting now at NEW VENUE Masonic Hall, Queen Street, adja-

Christmas Cracker Silver Band Concert

A CAPACITY audience enjoyed the Christmas concert by the Ottery Silver Band and the band's training group, Ottery Brass Class on Friday, December 12th. Both bands performed a wide range of music with the audience enthusiastically joining in and singing along to the Christmas songs and carols. The music was interspersed with jokes and the high jinks continued with tuba player Brian Baker 'rescuing' his tuba before distributing sweets appropriate to his solo "Tuba Smarties".

One of the highlights of the evening was the announcement of the appointment of Michael Moore as President of the band in recognition of his support for the band over the years.

The Silver Band has a number of carol-playing engagements before Christmas and the next main event is the Spring Concert on Saturday, March 7 in The Institute, Ottery St Mary.



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At the birthday party on November 29th the audience was treated to an afternoon of fun and nostalgia. David Ivory, a favourite theatre organist at Beer, was at his sparkling best with a lively programme of music – Gilbert and Sullivan, Al Jolson, tunes from the twenties and more. He commented "every time I come to Beer, the organ just gets better and better". David also accompanied a silent Buster Keaton film called 'The Blacksmith', which created much merriment. More

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After marking our 60th year in 2014, Sidmouth Folk Week will now be looking to the future of the festival, as well as staying rooted in tradition. We aim to continue to build a sustainable festival for the next 60 years, making sure that there truly is something to appeal to all ages, and all interests.

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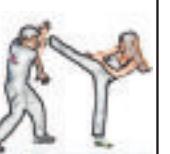


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SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH

SIDMOUTH: Pete Allen Solo Jazz Show at Stowford Community Centre, Chambers Close, 3–5.30pm (doors 2pm.) Admission £7. Call 078 999 25194 for more details.

SUNDAY JANUARY 11TH – SUN FEBRUARY 1ST

AXMINSTER: In one of the Old Police cells will be an exhibition of pictures by Megs Rimmer, David Starr and John Whenray. With her love of harmony of colours, Megs produces small oil paintings which are bright and refreshing whatever the subject. They are currently priced at half their normal price. Meanwhile David, who is both colour blind and on the blind register mainly produces portraits. He has worked in all mediums and has an oil, acrylic, charcoal and watercolour on show. John has three small scraper board pictures available to view Axminster Arts Cafe, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, Axminster, EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455. Tues–Fri 9am–2pm; Mon & Sat 9am–12pm

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

AWLISCOMBE: Honiton Art Society Meeting at Awliscombe Village Hall, 2–4pm. Demonstration by Colin Brown, Seaside and People in Acrylics. New members and visitors very welcome. Visitors £2

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH – SUN FEBRUARY 1ST

AXMINSTER: Once again the Axminster Arts Cafe is hosting a display of the winning entries of the Annual Lions International Peace Poster Contest. Entitled "Peace, Love & Understanding", this is the contest theme for the 27th competition; with some very creative & thought-provoking posters this year by students aged between 11–13 years old. The posters are judged on the artistic interpretation of the theme, together with the young person's quote on peace.. They have been selected from Schools and Youth Groups from across the south west. Axminster Arts Cafe, The Old Courthouse, Church Street, EX13 5AQ. 01297 631455 Opening hours Tues – Fri 9.00am – 2.00pm; Sat + Mon 9.00 – 12.00

SATURDAY JANUARY 17TH

UPLYME: Jumble Sale at Uplyme Village Hall, 2pm. In aid of Royal British Legion Women's Section. For more details call 01297 442435.

SUNDAY JANUARY 18TH

SEATON: Bird ringing demonstration by the Axe Estuary Ringing Group. Please note, this event is subject to suitable conditions, and may be cancelled at very short notice. Meet at the Field studies base, Axe Estuary Wetlands. Parking through Seaton Cemetery. 9am onwards. Free.

MONDAY JANUARY 19TH

AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21ST

SEATON: Seaton and District Men's Probus Club meeting at St. Gregory's Church Centre, Colyford Road, at 10am when the speaker will be Tony Simpson on 'Tunnellers of The Great War'. New members welcome (Keith West on 01297 624374).

THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND

SEATON: Seaton Music – Sarah Beth-Briggs playing piano. At 13 she was the youngest ever BBC Young Musician finalist. Also performance of young winner of piano competition which Sarah judged. At 7.30pm at Seaton Town Hall. Tickets £14, under 18s and full time students free, on the door or 01297 625699.

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AXMINSTER: Axminster Carnival Bingo at the Guildhall, doors 7pm, eyes down 8pm.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 28TH

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SATURDAY JANUARY 31ST

SEATON: Meet the Birds – improve your birdwatching skills with an experienced volunteer guide in the hide. At Tower Hide, Axe Estuary Wetlands. Parking through Seaton cemetery. 9am–11am. Free.



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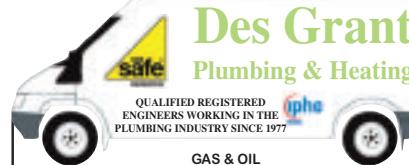
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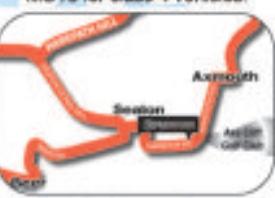
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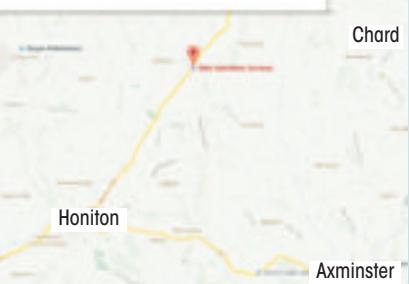
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Pinhoe Res	13	14
Tivvy Park Rangers	6	10
Alphington 4ths	12	10
Lympstone Res	12	7
Amory Green Rangers	11	0

D&E Division Eight	Pld	Pts
St Martins 3rds	13	32*
Seaton Town 3rds	12	29
Culm Old Res	9	27
Colyton Res	13	25
Ottery St Mary Res	16	17
Sidmouth Town 3rds	11	15
Open Space International	8	14
Bampton Res	12	12
Lapford Res	10	11
Bickleigh Res	8	10
Moretonhampstead Res	13	10
Sandford Res	11	8
Tedburn St Mary Res	12	7
Feniton 3rds	12	7

Friday, December 26th

SOUTH-WEST PENINSULA

DIVISION ONE (east)

Alphington v Exwick Villa
Tavistock v Plymstock Utd
Sidmouth Town v Budleigh Salterton
Newton Abbot Spurs v Liverton Utd
Brixham AFC v Galmpton Utd

Saturday, December 27th

SOUTH-WEST PENINSULA

DIVISION ONE (east)

Axminster Town v Okchamption Argyle
(at Budleigh Salterton FC 2.15pm ko)

DEVON & EXTER LEAGUE

(all 2.15ko unless stated)

PREMIER

Bear Albion v Sidbury Utd
Bow AAC v Heavitree Elmore
Hatherleigh Town v Elmore
Newton v Willand Rovers Res

Seaton Town v Thorverton
Chard Town Res v Topsham Town (3pm)

DIVISION ONE

Bickleigh v Alphington Res
Exwick Villa Res v Exmouth Amateurs
Lymstock v East Budleigh
Wellington Res v Honiton Town
Westex Rovers v Heavitree Utd Res
Witteridge Res v Newton St Cyres

DIVISION TWO

Colyton v Topsham Town Res
Cullompton Rang Res v Tipton St John
Dawlish Utd v Newton Poppleford
Hemyock v Culm Utd
Newton Res v Chumleigh
Upottery v Halwill
Crediton Utd Res v Sidmouth Res (3pm)

DIVISION THREE

Axmouth Utd v Clyst Valley Res
Cheriton Fitzpaine v Exmouth Town Res
Exmouth Amateurs Res v Axminster Res

Tedburn St Mary v Pinhoe Res
Thorverton v Chagford
Woodbury v Henry's Cronies

DIVISION FOUR

Amory Park Rangers v St Martins Res
Awliscombe Utd v Bow AAC Res
Bampton v Newtown 3rds
Countess Wear Dyn v Morchard Bishop
Langdon v Westex Rovers Res
North Tawton v Lapford

DIVISION FIVE

Feniton Res v Otterton
Halwill Res v Stoke Hill
Honiton Town Res v Sandford
Sampford Peverell v Fluxton
Upowman Athletic v Priory
Winkleigh v Starcross Generals

DIVISION SIX

Alphington 3rds v Langdon Res
Bradminch v Woodbury Res
Dunkeswell Rovers v Ottery St Mary

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More pictures from last week's awards



skittles update

HONITON LEAGUE

CUP results for Dec 10th

Motel Cup:

Scruffs 430

Offwell 421, Tuckers B

365 Three Tuns B 393,

Drewe 334, Vine B

354, Cricketers 361

Honiton Inn 347.

President's Cup:

Tuckers A 367 Shells Belles

343, Raiders 336 Hillbillies

346, Three Tuns A

354, Tigers Volunteers

311, Coasters 363 Nog

Inn 375.

John Ritchie Cup:

Winos 338 T'other Lot

308, Highfield Sports

336 Blues 326, Volliers

278 Angels 291, PWP

405 Sidbury 378.

◆ SEMI-FINALS:

Three Tuns B v Scruffs.

Cricketers v Vine B, Tuckers

A v Hillbillies, Three

Honiton Cly

golf lyme regis golf club annual awards

Juniors lead the way in annual awards

by Richard Jackman

LYME Regis Golf Club held its annual Presentation Evening recently and it was dominated by the juniors who scooped up many of the men's prizes, including junior captain George Seed who collected the club championship prize from Roger Seed, club captain, also runner up and George's father (pictured right).

In his speech George thanked all who had helped him along the way including his parents and club professional Duncan Driver.

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